



SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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February 10, 2019

9:15 AM Confessions; 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

37th Sunday after Pentecost – Zacchaeus Sunday - Tone 4

St. Ephraim the Syrian (373). St. Isaac the Syrian, bishop of Nineveh (7th c.).

St. Ephraim, bishop of Pereyaslavl (Kyiv Caves) (1098)

Readings: Timothy. 4:9-15; Luke. 19:1-10

ZACCHEUS SUNDAY

We know that we are approaching the beginning of Great Lent when we hear at the Sunday Liturgy the reading from Luke 19:1-10 concerning Zacchaeus, the tax collector. The *Sunday of Zacchaeus* is the first of the *pre-Lenten Sundays* which takes us, step by step, to the beginning of Great Lent and, ultimately, to Pascha. We begin with this particular lesson because Zacchaeus himself began his repentance with a simple desire: ***he wanted to see Jesus Christ.***

Jesus Christ was passing by and a great crowd had gathered. Zacchaeus wanted to see Christ, but it was a big crowd and Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed into a tree, thereby enabling himself to look above the heads of the crowd at the Master. Christ saw him, called him down, and visited his house -- much to the shock of those who knew that Zacchaeus was a great sinner. But Zacchaeus repented; he returned four times as much as he had stolen, gave the remainder of his possessions to the poor, and became a true disciple of Christ.

The message of this lesson is clear: *everything* begins with the simple desire *to see Christ*. Nothing can happen without this desire. We must desire to see Christ as well. This is our first step toward the approaching Great Lent and Pascha. ***To See Ourselves:*** Nothing begins without the desire to see Jesus Christ, and when we truly see Him, then and only then are we able *to see ourselves.* (*Thomas Hopko*)



Friday, February 15, 2019
THE MEETING OF THE LORD

Forty days after Christ was born, He was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time, as well, His mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second/fifteenth of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Lk 2.22–36) is the main event of the feast of Christ's presentation in the Temple. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2.26) and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took Him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vespers service:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2.29–32). (Song of Symeon))*

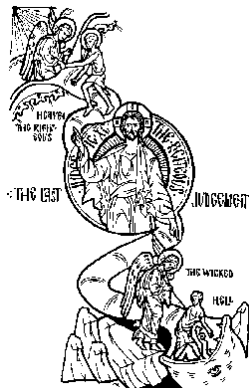
The Vespers and Matins of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord are filled with hymns reflect the theme that Christ, the Son and Word of God through Whom the world was created, now is held as an infant in Simeon's hands; this same Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now Himself fulfills the Law, carried in arms as a human child. (Note: we often here the Song of Symeon in services, especially at the end of Vespers reminding us of this theological truth, linking together the seamless story of Christ's Incarnation.)

The Divine Liturgy is celebrated with the lines from the canticle of Mary forming the prokeimenon and the words of Simeon being the verses for the Alleluia. The gospel readings tell of the meeting, while the Old Testament readings at Vespers refer to the Law of the purification in Leviticus, the vision of Isaiah in the Temple of the Thrice-Holy Lord, and the gift of faith to the Egyptians prophesied by Isaiah when the light of the Lord shall be a "revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2.32). *(Continued on the next page)*



(Continued from the previous page) The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the church is not merely a historical commemoration. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon and led by the same Spirit into the Church of the Messiah, the members of the Church also can claim their own “meeting” with the Lord, and so also can witness that they too can “depart in peace” since their eyes have seen the salvation of God in the person of his Christ. It is customary in many churches to bless candles on the feast of the Meeting of the Lord. *(Orthodox Church of America)*

Pre-Lenten Sundays



9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

February 17
**PUBLICAN &
 PHARISEE**
 2 Tim. 3:10-15
 Lk. 18:10-14

February 24
PRODIGAL SON
 1 Cor. 6:12-20
 Lk. 15:11-32

March 3
LAST JUDGMENT
 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2
 Mt. 25:31-46

March 10
FORGIVENESS
 Rom. 13:11-14:4;
 Mt. 6:14-21

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for good health for our following parish family members and others: Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Mykola Prychodczenko, Walter Duzzny, Alice Dobransky, Nancy Tiedeman, James Bobersky, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Kathy Duzzny, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Mary Goncy, Catherine Rogenski, Marianne Carmack, Kenneth, Matthew, Peter, Michelle, Basil

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications, or make Prospora Offerings.



Many thanks to all those who stopped by last Sunday after Divine Liturgy for a delicious bowl of soup and *HELPED* support Soup Kitchens in Ukraine. Sponsored by the St. Andrews Society. We raised \$420.00 for this very worthy cause.

TODAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019 – ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY:
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy – **St. Mary Sisterhood Meeting**

FRIDAY, 15, 2019 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: The Meeting of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Matins: Lk. 2:25-32 Heb. 7:7-17 Lk. 2:22-40

PLEASE NOTE: The Lock-in has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 3:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Same speakers. Same place.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019 – THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE:
40th day Panakhida ("Memorial Litiya") for Helen Yurchyk

MONDAY to SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 24, 2019;
FAST FREE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 – THE PRODIGAL SON

- Immediately following the Divine Liturgy – **Meeting of the Senior UOL**
- 5:00 PM Clergy Association **MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION** before 2019 Lenten Season. We'll be serving up a heapin' of authentic Cajun cuisine! St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. 220 N. Walnut Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Free Admission (Free will offering). Silent Auction, Baskets and Gifts.

MARCH 2, 2019 – UKRAINIAN DINNER: Two (2) Dinner Seatings: 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm. The Orthodox Center. 1025 N. Belle Vista Ave, 44905. Youngstown's Westside. All your favorite Ukrainian Foods (Stuffed Cabbage, Pirohi and much more) Baked Goods ~ Fun for the Family ~ Raffles ~ Entertainment ~ Music ~ Dancing. Tickets: \$15.00/Adults, \$7.00/Children. Anna Anderson has tickets for advance purchase for the dinner. Anyone interested in taking extra to sell, please see her. For more information, call 234-567- 5207 or email stspeterandpaul1025@gmail.com.



LIVING ORTHODOXY – *WISDOM from St. Ephraim and St. Isaac who we commemorate today (February 10)*

“If you give something to one in need, let the cheerfulness of your face precede your gift, and comfort his sorrow with kind words. When you do this, by your gift the gladness of his mind surpasses even the needs of his body” — *St. Isaac the Syrian*

“Glory be to Him, Who never felt the need of our praising Him; yet felt the need as being kind to us, and thirsted as loving us, and asks us to give to Him, and longs to give to us. His fruit was mingled with us men, that in Him we might come near to Him, Who condescended to us. By the Fruit of His stem He grafted us into His Tree.”— *St. Ephraim the Syrian*

“Do not disdain those who are deformed from birth, because all of us will go to the grave equally privileged.” — *St. Isaac the Syrian*

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises man to Heaven.”— *St. Ephrem of Syria*

“Do not dispute the over the truth with someone who does not know the truth; but from the person who is eager to know the truth, do not withhold words from him” — *St. Isaac the Syrian.*

CHURCH BASICS

LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS:

This Liturgical Service is performed on the weekdays of Great Lent. During the liturgy, communion is received from Gifts (the Body and Blood of Christ) that are sanctified (consecrated) in advance. Because Great Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and intensified prayer the more frequent reception of communion is desirable, but the full Divine Liturgy having a joyful character is not in keeping with the somberness of the season of repentance (*Eucharist* literally means "thanksgiving") and so the Presanctified is substituted.

Although this service may be performed on any weekday (Monday through Friday) of Great Lent, common parish practice is to celebrate it only on Wednesdays, Fridays, and a feast day on which the polyeleos (a festive portion of the Matins observed on higher-ranking feast days) is sung when it that falls on a weekday. The Typicon also prescribes the Presanctified on the Thursday of the Great Canon (the fifth Thursday of Lent), and on first three days of Holy Week.

SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019 – THE LAST JUDGEMENT: Youth Sunday and Fellowship Sunday. Please stop by after church for refreshments and an opportunity to visit with one another in The Orthodox Center.

MARCH 26, 2019 – COMMUNITY DINNER: Please start collecting personal care products children’s books, and recent magazines which are much appreciated. We are so Blessed to have such dedicated volunteers! If you have any questions or would like additional information on you can this wonderful outreach, please contact Dr. Dinah Fedyna.

NOTE: Anyone interested in helping plan Open House fellowship after the rectory renovations are completed, please contact Chuck Woloschak.

PEROHI SCHEDULE			
Task	Time	FEB	MARCH
Potato Prep	9:30 AM		6 th (Wed)
Pinching	9:30 AM		7 th (Thurs)
Pick-up	9:00-Noon		8 th (Fri.)
Potato Prep	9:30 AM	20 th (Wed)**	20 th (Wed)**
Pinching	9:30 AM	21 th (Thurs_	21 th (Thurs_
Pick-up	9:00-Noon	22 th (Fri)	22 th (Fri)

2019 UOL Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat

Senior/Junior Retreat Program and Activities

(Ohio/Western, Pennsylvania)

8:15 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Don't just go to Church Be the Church

*Why Here, Why Now, Why Me; Looking from the Inside Out; Looking from the Outside In;
It's only a matter of time, Living a Life that Matters*

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center, Pulaski, PA a short drive from Youngstown)
For information, please contact Fr. Ivan Tchopko, Stephanie Rimedio, or Marianne Carmack



